

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the outstanding office action dated October 11, 2002 wherein the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 as being anticipated by Richards. In response to this rejection applicant traverses this rejection based on the newly amended claims.

The rejection under 35 USC 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 USC 102b as being anticipated by Richards (5,247,358). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on the grounds that Richards does not teach or suggest activating and deactivating the processing operation alternately during the presentation of the demonstration signals as recited in newly amended claims 1 and 11. In addition Richards does not teach or suggest presenting the demonstration signals in a split screen form wherein one part of the display screen shows a presentation of the demonstration signals having been processed according to the selected processing operation and another part of the display screen showing a presentation of the demonstration signals having not be processed according to the processing operation as recited in new claims 21 and 22.

The Examiner stated that activating and deactivating the processing operation alternately during the presentation of the

demonstration signals as previously recited in claim 6 but now incorporated in claims 1 and 11 is taught in Richards at col. 5, lines 49-52. This section of Richards states:

"The test image of FIG. 2 (top half, or bottom half) is displayed by the player in a compulsory or user-selected start-up phase of the presentation, prior to display of the stored photographs."

This does not teach or suggest activating and deactivating the processing operation alternately during the presentation of the demonstration signals as recited in amended claim 1 and 11. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 11 and their associated dependent claims are allowable over Richards.

Applicants have added new claims 21 and 22 which state that the demonstration signals are presented in a split screen form, one part of the display screen showing a presentation of the demonstration signals having been processed according to said selected processing operation and another part of the display screen showing a presentation of the demonstration signals having not been processed according to the processing operation. The Examiner previously rejected claims 7 and 17 which include similar language over Richards at col. 8, lines 10-11. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as it may have applied to new claims 21 and 22.


Richards states at col. 8 lines 10-11 that:

"The test image would preferably appear on the screen or a part of it automatically when the brightness control is activated."

This section seems to be stating that the test image appears automatically perhaps on part of the screen. It does not however teach that the demonstration signals are presented in a split screen form, one part of the display screen showing a presentation of the demonstration signals having been processed according to said selected processing operation and another part of the display screen showing a presentation of the demonstration signals having not been processed according to the processing operation. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims are also allowable.

Entry of this amendment, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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